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GENERAL DAVID A. BURCHINAL

General David A. Burchinal, USAF, assumed duties as Deputy Commander in Chief, United States European Command, July 28, 1966, then with headquarters at Camp Des Loges, St. Germain-en-Laye, France, and now located at Patch Barracks, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany. He came to the U.S. European Command from duty as Director of The Joint Staff, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.

General Burchinal was born April 17, 1915, in Washington, Pa. He received his bachelor of arts degree in 1938 from Brown University, Providence, R. I., where he was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He entered pilot training at Randolph Field, Tex., in June 1939, and was graduated in 1940 with a commission as second lieutenant and his pilot wings. In June 1965 he was awarded an honorary doctorate of laws degree by Brown University. In August 1968 General Burchinal was presented an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Utah at England's historic Cambridge University.

His first military assignment was as an observer of Army field exercises at Fort Benning, Ga. He then became an instructor at Brooks Field, Tex. From May 2, 1940, until July 28, 1941, General Burchinal served successively as an engineering officer, transport pilot, test pilot, and assistant adjutant at the San Antonio Air Depot, Duncan Field, Tex.

He then assumed duties as aide to the Commanding General of the Air Service Command at Patterson Field, Ohio, in Washington, D.C., and in London, England. In February 1943 General Burchinal became operations officer and later, Deputy Commander for the 330th Bombardment Group at Alamogordo, N. Mex., and Biggs Field, Tex.

Remaining at Biggs Field, he was reassigned in July 1943 to the XX Bomber Command as Assistant A-3 for the 16th Bombardment Operations Training Wing. He was on this job only six months when in December 1943 he was named Military Air Attache at Ottawa, Canada.

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Culminating six months of attache duty, General Burchinal returned to the U.S. in June 1944 for duties as Wing A-3 at Headquarters 313th Bombardment Wing, Peterson Field, Colo.

Six months later he was en route to the Pacific area as A-3 for the 313th Bombardment Wing based on Tinian. He later became Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations of the Wing and in March 1945, became Deputy A-3 Headquarters XXI Bomber Command on Guam in the Marianas Islands. In September 1945 General Burchinal became A-3 for the Twentieth Air Force and, in November the same year, assumed duties as Military Analyst, U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey in Tokyo, Japan; one month later he returned to the United States.

He stayed with the War Department in Washington, D.C., until June 1946, working as Research Analyst, U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey, and then moved to Maxwell Field, Ala., as student and instructor on the first faculty of the Air War College. He later became Assistant Chief of the Air Strategy Division in the Air War College, a job he held until called back to Washington, D.C., in March 1949.

Upon his return to Washington, D.C., General Burchinal became Chief of the Program Analysis Division in the Directorate of Program Standards and Cost Control in the office of The Comptroller, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. In April 1951 he was transferred to the Air Force Council, also in Washington, D.C., as the first Secretary of the unit.

Two years later, in May 1953, he went to Smoky Hill Air Force Base, Kans., as Commander of the 40th Bombardment Wing. In January 1954 he moved to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., as Commander of the 43d Bombardment Wing. In August 1955 General Burchinal became Chief of Staff for Headquarters Eighth Air Force, SAC, Westover Air Force Base, Mass.

In November 1958 General Burchinal returned to Washington, D.C., as Deputy Director, J-3 (Operations), for The Joint Staff in the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was transferred to Headquarters U.S. Air Force and was assigned to the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, as Deputy Director of Plans in September 1960, advanced to the Director of Plans in January 1961, and became Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs in August 1962. He held this position, which was later redesignated Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, until February 1964. He then became Director of The Joint Staff, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

General Burchinal assumed duties as Deputy Commander in Chief, United States European Command in July 1966.

Military decorations awarded General Burchinal include the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

General Buchinal is married to Kathryn (Kellogg) Burchinal.

The two Burchinal children are: Mrs. John Crain (Wendy), and David K. Burchinal.

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PERSONAL FACT SHEET

A. Personal Data

1. Born - Apr. 17, 1915, Washington, Pa.; father - Warren S. Burchinal; mother - Florence I. Burchinal.

2. Married - wife - Kathryn (Kellogg) Burchinal; children - Wendy C. and David K.

3. Hometown - Washington, Pa.

B. Education

1. Graduate, Brown University, Providence, R. I., (A.B., Phi Beta Kappa), 1938.

2. Graduate, Primary, Basic and Advance Flying Schools, Randolph Field, Tex., 1940.

3. Graduate, Air War College, 1947.

C. Service

1. June 1939 - Mar 1940 Pilot training, Randolph Field, Tex.

2. Apr 1940 - May 1940 Observer of Army field exercises, Fort Benning, Ga., and Instructor, Brooks Field, Tex.

3. May 1940 - July 1941 Engineering Officer, Transport Pilot, Test Pilot, and Assistant Adjutant, San Antonio Air Depot, Duncan Field, Tex.

4. July 1941 - Feb 1943 Aide to Commanding General, Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Ohio; Washington, D.C.; and London, England.

5. Feb 1943 - June 1943 Operations Officer, Deputy Commander, 330th Bomb Group, Alamogordo, N. Mex., and Biggs Field, Tex.

6. July 1943 - Dec 1943 Assistant A-3, 20th Bomber Commander and 16th Bomb Operations Training Wing, Biggs Field, Tex.

7. Dec 1943 - Jan 1944 Military Air Attache, Ottawa, Canada.

8. June 1944 - Feb 1945 Wing A-3, Hq. 313th Bomb Wing, Peterson Field, Colo., and Tinian, Mariana Islands.

9. Mar 1945 - Sept 1945 Deputy A-3, Hq. 21st Bomber Command, Mariana Islands.

10. Sept 1945 - Nov 1945 A-3, 20th Air Force, Tokyo, Japan.

11. Nov 1945 - Dec 1945 Military Analyst, U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey, Tokyo, Japan.

12. Jan 1946 - June 1946 Research Analyst, U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey, War Department, Washington, D.C.

13. July 1946 - May 1948 Student, Instructor, and later, Assistant Chief, Air Strategy Division, Air War College, 41st AAFBU, Maxwell Field, Ala.

14. June 1948 - Mar 1949 Assistant Chief, Special Projects Division, Air War College, Maxwell Field, Ala.

15. Mar 1949 - Apr 1951 Chief, Program Analysis Division, Directorate of Program Standards and Cost Control, Comptroller, Washington, D.C.

16. Apr 1951 - Apr 1953 Secretary, Air Force Council, Washington, D.C.

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17. May 1953 - Dec 1953 Commander, 40th Bomb Wing (H), Smoky Hill AFB, Kans.

18. Jan 1954 - July 1955 Commander, 43d Bomb Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

19. Aug 1955 - Nov 1958 Chief of Staff, Hq. 8th AF, SAC, Westover AFB, Mass.

20. Nov 1958 - Sept 1960 Deputy Director, J-3 (Operations), The Joint Staff, OJCS, Washington, D.C.

21. Sept 1960 - Jan 1961 Deputy Director of Plans, DCS/Plans and Programs, Hq. U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

22. Jan 1961 - July 1962 Director of Plans, DCS/Plans and Programs, Hq. U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

23. Aug 1962 - Jan 1963 Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Hq. U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

24. Feb 1963 - Feb 1964 Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, Hq., U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

25. Feb 1964 - July 1966 Director of The Joint Staff, OJCS, Washington, D.C.

26. Aug 1966 - Present Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany.

D. Decorations and Service Awards

Distinguished Service Medal (Air Force design)
Distinguished Service Medal (Army design)
Silver Star
Legion of Merit w/1 oak leaf cluster
Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Medal
Army Commendation Medal w/2 oak leaf clusters
American Campaign Medal
Asiatiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
World War II Victory Medal
Army of Occupation Medal (Japan)
National Defense Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon w/6 oak leaf clusters

E. Effective Dates of Promotions

Rank	Temporary	Permanent
2d Lt		Mar 23, 1940
1st Lt	Nov 1, 1941	July 10, 1946
Capt	Mar 30, 1942	
Maj	Aug 4, 1942	
Lt Col	Sept 11, 1943	July 2, 1948
Col	Apr 5, 1945	July 1, 1954
Brig Gen	Dec 13, 1955	May 16, 1960
Maj Gen	Aug 1, 1959	Jan 30, 1962
Lt Gen	Aug 1, 1962	
General	Aug 1, 1966	
(Date of rank July 31, 1966)		

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